Akathist Service

All Saints of North America



Akathist to All Saints of North America

Deacon: Bless, (Most Blessed) Master!

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.



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Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3*x*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



God is the Lord

Deacon: In the 8th Tone: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever!



Deacon: All nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I destroyed them.

- Choir: God is the Lord...
- Deacon: I shall not die, but live and recount the works of the Lord.
- Choir: God is the Lord...
- *Deacon:* The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Choir: God is the Lord...





Kontakion 1 - Akathist, All Saints of North America



 $\mathbf{\Theta}$ You la-bored faith-ful - ly in the Vineyard of the Lord's ho - ly Church. 0 • Through your prayers we en - ter into the joy of the Or - tho-dox way. As we as - sem - ble to - day to hon - or you we cry: // "Re-joice, All Saints, of North A - mer - i - ca!"

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Ikos 1 - Akathist, All Saints of North America

Priest: We glorify the Lord Who has glorified you, holy men, women and children of these North American Lands. We stand in awe before the miracles you have worked, revealed to us by our heavenly Father. Together with the bodiless choirs, we offer you these words of loving praise:



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Re - joice, All Saints of North A - mer - i - ca!

Priest: Holy new martyrs of North America, we honor your lives by pondering the sufferings that led to your deaths. You were faithful to the end, having been crowned by the Lord as His faithful witnesses. Through your prayers we are delivered from the snares of the evil one, so that we might sing an everlasting *Alleluia*:



Priest: The Church of North America is renewed through the shedding of your blood, holy martyrs. Through your sufferings you strengthen those who follow your footsteps down the hard and narrow way. Seeing you clothed in white robes and glorifying the Lord of Hosts, we sing to you these words of loving praise:







Priest: Having led your people to the homeland of God's Kingdom, you defended the faith entrusted to you, confessors and defenders of the North American Church. Having rightly directed the word of the truth, you preserve us from the injury of false teachings. You gave yourself to imprisonment, sufferings and death - remaining faithful all the while to the One Who is Himself Faithful and True. Seeing your steadfastness in times of affliction, we sing to God an everlasting *Alleluia*:



Ikos 3

Priest: The adversary and enemy of our souls never ceases his ferocious attacks against Christ's holy Church. Hating the light of the Father's radiance that shines from your lives, the children of the evil one condemned you to imprisonment and death. As your grateful children, we offer to you these words of loving praise:







Priest: As imitators of the twelve apostles, you traveled from the Pacific to the Atlantic in order to make disciples of North America's many peoples. You gave us an <u>Indication of the Way</u> <u>into the Kingdom of Heaven</u>.¹ You taught us with <u>The Word</u>² of salvation. In this way you ministered to your people so that we might sing an everlasting <u>Alleluia</u>:



1. St. Innocent's book written and published in the Aleut language in 1833.

2. St. Raphael's "THE WORD" the official publication - magazine of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America.

Ikos 4

Priest: With love and zeal you tilled the soil of the North American lands with the divine seed of the gospel. Through the sowing of Christ's word, the fruits of the Spirit were cultivated in this new land. You uprooted the tares of false teachings and brought forth a great harvest of faith. Together with the Holy Apostles we offer to you these words of loving praise:





Priest: The Lord sent you to this new land in order to enlighten its peoples with the knowledge of God. Through your words you have overcome the darkness of error and unbelief. Through your deeds you have shown us how to live a virtuous way of life. Inspired by your labors and your preaching of the gospel, we sing to God an everlasting *Alleluia*:



Ikos 5

Priest: After His resurrection the Son of God made man sent His twelve apostles to the ends of the earth in order to declare His name among all nations. In these latter days, the Lord has sent you, as Equals to the Apostles, in order to teach us the commandments of the gospel. Following in your footsteps, apostles and evangelists of North America, we sing to you these words of loving praise:





Priest: In obedience to the will of God, you left your ancestral homelands, hierarchs of North America. In order to fulfill your episcopal work you sailed the great oceans and crossed vast continents. With diligence you sought after your scattered flock and guided them to the shelter of the Lord's Church. As loving fathers you fed your children with the teachings of the gospel, so that we might sing an everlasting *Alleluia*:



Ikos 6

Priest: Holy hierarchs of North America, you endured many wants and hardships in order to fulfill your episcopal work here in this new land. Through your lowliness, we have been exalted in Christ. Through your poverty, we have become rich in Spirit. As models of virtue, we sing to you these words of loving praise:





Priest: Guided by the Holy Spirit, you sailed over vast oceans in order to fulfill your apostolic witness, holy missionaries of North America. Following the example of the blessed Cyril and Methodius, you translated the scriptures and divine services into the tongues of the local peoples and established schools for the training of native clergy. All of this you have done, so that we might sing an everlasting Alleluia:



Ikos 7

Priest: Burning with the love of Christ, you traversed the breadth of this new continent in order to nurture and edify the Church which God obtained through the blood of His own Son. As successors of your work, sanctified hierarchs and evangelists, we sing to you these words of loving praise:







Kontakion 8

Priest: Following the example of the Holy Fathers, you gave yourselves over to many labors and struggles, blessed monastics and ascetics of the new world. You have revealed to us the fruits of true holiness. Your obedience to the will of God has confirmed the promises of the Gospel. Your humility has shone forth as an example for all the inhabitants of North America. Seeing you clothed in glory and exalted with Christ, we sing an everlasting *Alleluia*:



Ikos 8

Priest: By observing the commandments of the gospel, you have shown us the path to righteousness and holiness, venerable and God-bearing monastics. Working together with the grace of God, we imitate your purity of heart, so that we might sing these words of loving praise:







Priest: Forsaking the vanity of this world, blessed ascetics of North America, you became disciples of the Divine Teacher by acquiring the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You fought the demons and overcame their power by the power of the sign of the Cross. Through self-denial and abstinence you have shown forth the inward beauty of holiness and righteousness. Emulating your life of repentance, we sing to God an everlasting *Alleluia*:



Ikos 9

Priest: As living vessels of the grace of Jesus Christ, you sanctify this new land, our venerable fathers and mothers of the North American Continent. You offer to God a sacrifice of loving intercession for those who follow your way. As we assemble to honor your memory, we sing to you these words of loving praise:





Priest: Your blameless way of life is a source of amazement to the angels, you righteous ones – known and unknown – of North America. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, you established the Orthodox Faith in this new land. With patience and diligence you built upon a foundation laid long ago with Christ Himself as the Chief Cornerstone. Having received from you the riches of faith, we sing to God an everlasting *Alleluia*:

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Ikos 10

Priest: Doing all things for the glory of God and the love of your neighbor, you fulfilled your calling to perfect holiness, righteous ones of North America. You accomplished the tasks given to you, according to the measure of grace given to you by God. You fished the great waters of the Alaskan North; you tilled the fertile soils of the Canadian and Midwestern plains; you labored under harsh conditions in the mines and mills; you toiled day and night in the factories of the American cities, all so that we might sing to you these words of loving praise:





Priest: The Wisdom, Word and Power of God, begotten from His Father before the beginning of time, was born in time and in these latter days from His Holy Mother, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary. Through the grace of the Spirit, blessed ones of North America, you became partakers of the divine nature, having perfected within yourselves the Image of the One Who is the express Image of the Father. Together we sing to our Lord an everlasting *Alleluia*:



Ikos 11

Priest: The King of Heaven and earth humbled himself by taking the form of a servant in order to become the least and the last of His brethren. In His never-ending love for man, He poured Himself out fully - so that we might be filled with all the fullness of His grace. Following His example, righteous ones of North America, you served those to whom you were sent: you healed the sick, you gave aid to the poor, you sought out the lost, you raised infants, you guided the youth, you cared for the elderly, all so that we might sing to you these words of loving praise:







Priest: Surrounded by your heavenly glory, hierarchs, martyrs, apostles, monastics and all righteous men and women of North America, known and unknown, we beseech you – as your spiritual children – to intercede for us before Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. We worship the Lord Who has given you to us as heavenly patrons and guardians for the protection and salvation of our souls and bodies. Together with the bodiless hosts, we sing to God an everlasting *Alleluia*:



Ikos 12

Priest: We celebrate your great works, All Saints of North America. We offer thanks to Christ for the wondrous deeds you have accomplished through Him for the enlightenment of all men, women, and children living in this new land. Together with God's elect, we sing to you these words of loving praise:







Priest: Holy luminaries of North America, look down upon your sinful servants and accept this present supplication. Entreat the Lord Jesus Christ that He will bestow upon us His many mercies. Be a refuge and a protection for us that we might be delivered from all physical and spiritual harm. Guide us into the heavenly Kingdom, so that we might sing to God an everlasting *Alleluia*:



Kontakion 13 is repeated three times.

Ikos 1

Priest: We glorify the Lord Who has glorified you, holy men, women and children of these North American Lands. We stand in awe before the miracles you have worked, revealed to us by our heavenly Father. Together with the bodiless choirs, we offer you these words of loving praise:





Little Litany: "For Thou art the King of Peace..."

Prokeimenon - Akathist, North American Saints



v: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. $(Ps\ 18/19{:}1)$

Let Every Breath



v. Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament! (Ps 150:1)

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At the Gospel

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.



Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. *Priest:* Peace be unto all.



Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.



after the Gospel Reading, repeat "Glory to Thee..."





It Is Truly Meet



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Litany of Fervent Supplication



5. Albanian





9. Yupik



Prayer



Deacon: Let us pray to All Saints of North America.

Blessed and wise saints of God, who have been sanctified in North America by your Priest: holy deeds, and having left your relics as seeds of the Orthodox faith, you now stand before the throne of God in ceaseless prayer for our land. We sinners made bold on this day offer to you these hymns of praise. We exalt your great and holy deeds, spiritual warriors of Christ, who with patience and courage have vanguished the enemy, delivering us from his craft and cunning. We bless your holy lives, lamps of God, who have shown the light of grace and virtue and have illumined our minds and hearts with the knowledge of God. We glorify your great miracles, flowers of paradise, who have blossomed in our land, spreading the sweet fragrance of your gifts and wonders. We praise your love that reflects God's own love, defenders and intercessors, and trusting in your help, we fall down before you and cry: Holy Hierarchs and Enlighteners of North America: Innocent, Tikhon, Raphael, John, Nicholas, Alexis, Sebastian, and Mardarius! Help us the faithful here in this new land to preserve steadfastly the Orthodox faith that you have planted in us as a seed that, watered by divine rain, will bring forth fruit a hundredfold. Confirm the Church here by your prayers, and gather the scattered sheep into one flock, preserving it safe from all harm. Holy Father Herman of Alaska, first sanctified in this new land, keep us from the delusions of this transitory life, that denying ourselves and taking up our cross, we may follow Christ, crucifying our flesh with its sins and passions, and bearing each others burdens. Saints known and unknown, who have shown through the history of this land, remember our weakness and hardship, and by your prayers beseech Christ our God, that we, having successfully crossed the sea of this life, may reach the harbor of eternal salvation together with you who have served Him throughout the ages. Through the grace and compassion and love of mankind of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom together with the Eternal Father and the Most Holy Spirit be never-ending glory and worship by all creation unto ages of ages.



Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!





Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee!





Priest: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most pure Mother; of our fathers among the saints Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, the holy confessor Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of North America, John the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco, Nicholas of South Canaan, Bishop of Zhicha, Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn, and Mardarius, Bishop of Libertyville; of the holy hieromartyrs Juvenal of Lake Iliamna, Alexander, and John; of the holy martyr Peter the Aleut of San Francisco; of our venerable fathers Herman the Wonderworker of Alaska and all America, and Sebastian of San Francisco and Jackson; of the holy and righteous priests Alexis of Wilkes-Barre and Minneapolis, and Jacob, enlightener of the native peoples of Alaska; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.



